

## FIND NEW TYPE OF PNEUMONIA AT CAMP DODGE

Source trains foothold at Camp Dodge and is being combated by Medical Officers.

### COMPLETE MANY TRANSFERS

Are Sent to Various Other Training Places to Fill in Certain Gaps.

Camp Dodge, Iowa, April 20.—A new species of pneumonia germ, the most malignant type is, being combated by doctors and nurses at this cantonment, according to medical officers.

The source which has gained a foothold at the cantonment is believed to be similar to that which originated six out of 10 members of the Casey family at Valley Junction, Mo., in 1917. Four members of the family, who have been attacked by the disease are now fighting for their lives.

So deadly is the newly discovered pneumonia germ that nurses and doctors attending patients at Camp Dodge wear masks and gowns. When a patient reaches the stage where he is able to walk again he is also given a mask.

But anxious mothers, whose sons are at Camp Dodge, may rest assured that the boys are given the best of care, even better than would be possible if they were at home, camp physicians say.

The nurses are women who have been especially selected for this work after years of training. They are patriotic and are willing to sacrifice, otherwise they would not be willing to relinquish better salaries to serve in the military hospitals.

Major F. C. Todd, commanding the base hospital at Camp Dodge, says:

"In the pneumonia ward there are worst cases confined. It is almost impossible to pass down the length of the room without being moved to tears when one sees the under care which is given these terribly sick boys—some of whom, perhaps, may never recover. All our nurses have the smile habit, and it is the most contagious thing in the hospital. Its value is incalculable."

Major Todd says it would be impossible to establish a system of caretaking and supervision in a civilian hospital equal to that maintained in the United States.

In every ward, beside corps of nurses, there is a ward surgeon and his assistants who are constantly in touch with the most minute developments of each case. Over three wards there is another supervising surgeon, who is so assigned because of sheer professional ability. In addition surgeons are appointed to manage groups of wards, by this system oversight and mistakes are practically impossible.

### New Type of Uniform.

A new type of uniform has appeared at Camp Dodge in the form of overalls of an olive drab color, which have been issued to most of the men from North Dakota and Illinois, who arrived here under the March call.

So far almost all of these men have been retained in the depot brigade, to which they were assigned, and have not been assigned to the various regiments of the division. They will get full equipment as soon as they are definitely placed.

Recent divisional orders have placed particular emphasis on the necessity of training national army troops for offensive tactics and perfecting the men in the use of the rifle and bayonet. "Every man must have perfect confidence in his skill with the bayonet," the order reads.

Lieutenant Colonel J. I. McKinley, of the Third Hundred Fifty-first Infantry has been named division musketry officer and has charge of the division musketry school and musketry fire training in general.

The 2,500 Alabama Negroes who reported last week are being given a stiff course of instruction, but have not yet been organized as a unit. They are still drilling in the new olive drab overalls, but will get full outfit as soon as their definite assignment is determined.

The crash artillery fire on the big gun range north of the artillery brigade at Camp Dodge is heard again after a cessation of two weeks.

Soldiers in the third officers' training camp who are trying for commissions in the artillery branch of the service are firing the 3-inch field pieces of the Three-Hundred and Thirty-eighth field artillery.

The practice of firing the guns will close the training course for these men, with the exception of two weeks' instruction in the keeping of records.

### Transfer Many Men.

Transfer of troops from Camp Dodge to other camps in the United States, which has been in progress for the past two weeks, has just been completed, it was announced at division headquarters. The number of men transferred was not given out.

Detachments from Camp Dodge have been sent to Camp Logan, Houston, Texas; Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Ga.; Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C.; Camp Doniphan, Fort Sill, Okla.; Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill.; Camp Dix, New Jersey; Camp Upton, Long Island; Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio; Camp Devens, Ayre, Mass.; and Camp Meade at Annapolis Junction, Md.

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## THERE'S NO DANGER OF A SOLDIER OVERSLEEPING AND NOT GETTING A TRAIN BACK TO THE FRONT TRENCH

This soldier was afraid.

He had faced machine guns, hand grenades, trench mortars, bayonets and bombs without flinching, but now he was afraid and admitted it.

The place was a Red Cross canteen. He faced a smiling American woman. She had shown him where he could wash, had served him hot food and directed him to the dormitory, where a clean bed would give him the sweetest rest he had known since the war began.

"What are you afraid of?" asked the woman.

"Afraid I should never wake up to catch my train back to the front."

She smiled at his reply, but knew that it was a serious one with him, as to overstay a furlough is an offense against army regulations that soldiers do not commit with impunity.

"Now, don't be afraid," she reassured him. "Go to sleep and a boy scout will be on hand without fail to wake you in time for your train."

The soldier got the needed rest and made his train, too. It is just an insight into what the Red Cross means to the men at the front. The American women who operate the canteens can recount thousands of interesting incidents.

How much the king of Italy appreciates the American Red Cross

is indicated by his action in turning over a part of his palace at Genoa to be used as a warehouse for Red Cross supplies.

The Red Cross has been shipping millions of dollars' worth of supplies for refugees and the families of soldiers into Italy. Large storage space was needed and the king solved the difficulty so far as Genoa was concerned.

The royal palace now being used as a Red Cross warehouse is a great stone building crowning one of the steep hills which rise from the harbor. It has two large wings, and there are 13 rooms which the Red Cross may use.

Red Cross representatives have been sent into every section of Italy to remain and work among the people. They will see to it that the families of Italian soldiers do not suffer while the men are at the front. This is the same kind of work behind the lines which has been so successful in France and Belgium.

With the Austrians and Germans pounding at the north and possibly for a time making advances that turn Italian peasants out of their homes, the Red Cross will have need of all its resources to handle the refugees. The result in keeping up the spirits of the people and the soldiers will be worth infinitely more than the mere money cost.

At least 50,000 French children

are to be removed by the American Red Cross from the danger of German air raids and long range bombardment. They will be taken from Paris this summer to a provincial city for the vacation period.

French men and women, so far from being intimidated by the German atrocities, are manifesting greater courage and a stronger determination to win the war. The German staff announced that the raids and bombardment were intended to strike Paris as "the heart of France." To this the Parisians replied that "the heart of France is at the front!"

Naturally, French parents will be glad to have their children safe in a smaller city farther away from the battle line. The Red Cross, therefore, creates in this service one more tie that binds the two nations together for all time.

The children will be billeted in homes and dormitories, and will be supervised as to recreation and health by the Red Cross. It doubtless will prove to be the most profitable summer they ever had. Their fathers in the army at the front will fight all the harder from knowing their loved ones are protected.

The American people, when they open their purses in May for the second Red Cross war fund, unquestionably will consider this service for French children a most worthy disposition of their subscriptions.

Canadian soldiers, who are making the Germans pay so dearly for every inch of ground in the fighting area and who have repeatedly thrown back the German hordes, are to be the beneficiaries of a gift

of \$500,000 just made by the American Red Cross to their own Canadian Red Cross.

This gift to the Canadian Red Cross follows closely upon a gift of \$1,000,000 to the British Red Cross, and both gifts are made to emphasize the close sympathy and friendship that exists between English and American soldiers and civilians.

Hundreds, perhaps thousands, of American young men enlisted in the Canadian forces before our country entered the war, and the Canadian Red Cross used its resources unsparsingly for their benefit. Consequently this gift in one sense simply repays the generosity of the Canadians.

While the American Red Cross placed no restrictions on the gift, the wish was expressed that the Canadian Red Cross would use the money for sick and wounded Canadian soldiers at the battle front.

The gift has brought forth the most cordial expressions of appreciation from the people of Canada as well as from the soldiers.

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## COUNTY BOARD MEET TUESDAY

Illinois Supreme Court Opinion on Jail Case is Most Important Matter Up.

### TWELVE NEW MEMBERS THERE

Proposition of State's Attorney, Floyd E. Thompson Will be Presented.

Twelve new members of the board of supervisors will take their places Tuesday for the organization session.

The most important matter to be discussed is the action the county will take on the new jail situation. The Illinois supreme court ruling will be given to the board. It is impossible to determine what attitude the body will assume towards the opinion of the court until the session opens.

Another important matter to come before the board is the proposition to be offered by Floyd E. Thompson, state's attorney, by which it is proposed that all idlers and county prisoners be put to work. Mr. Thompson will prosecute all dry violators in Rock Island and asks that \$1,000 be appropriated from the funds of his de-

partment to secure what assistance might be needed.

Few Re-elected.

The following were elected at the April township election as members of the board:

Coe—W. H. Groh, R.

Canoe Creek—Clarence Butzer, R.

Port Byron—E. H. Young, R.\*

Hampton—H. F. Schroeder, R.\*

South Moline—Zack Enfield, R.\*

Moline—O. E. Child, R.\*; C. S. Kerns, R.\*; Mrs. E. H. Sleight, R.\*; Mrs. Mary G. Ogden, R.\*; Elmer Mowry, R.

Rock Island—William H. Schilling, R.; Henry M. Hendren, R.; John B. Johnson, R.; William M. Mitchell, R.; Harry H. Unverforth, R.

Black Hawk—W. F. Nichols, D.

Bowling—John Lipton, R.

Andalusia—Albert Hoder, R.

Buffalo Prairie—Melvin Thomas, R.

(\*Re-elected.)

The hold-over members will complete their terms in the spring of 1919:

Cordova—C. C. Opycke, R.

Dama—Ambrose Smal, D.

Hampton—Louis Schave, D.

Moline—Dr. Fred Graffund, R.; Mrs. Alice Child-Walker, R.; Henry P. Erbm, R.; Louis C. Frut, R.; Roy S. Dalley, R.

Rock Island—George Stroehle, R.; M. O. Griswold, R.; C. L. Ackert, R.; W. N. Phillips, R.; Wallace Sanders, R.

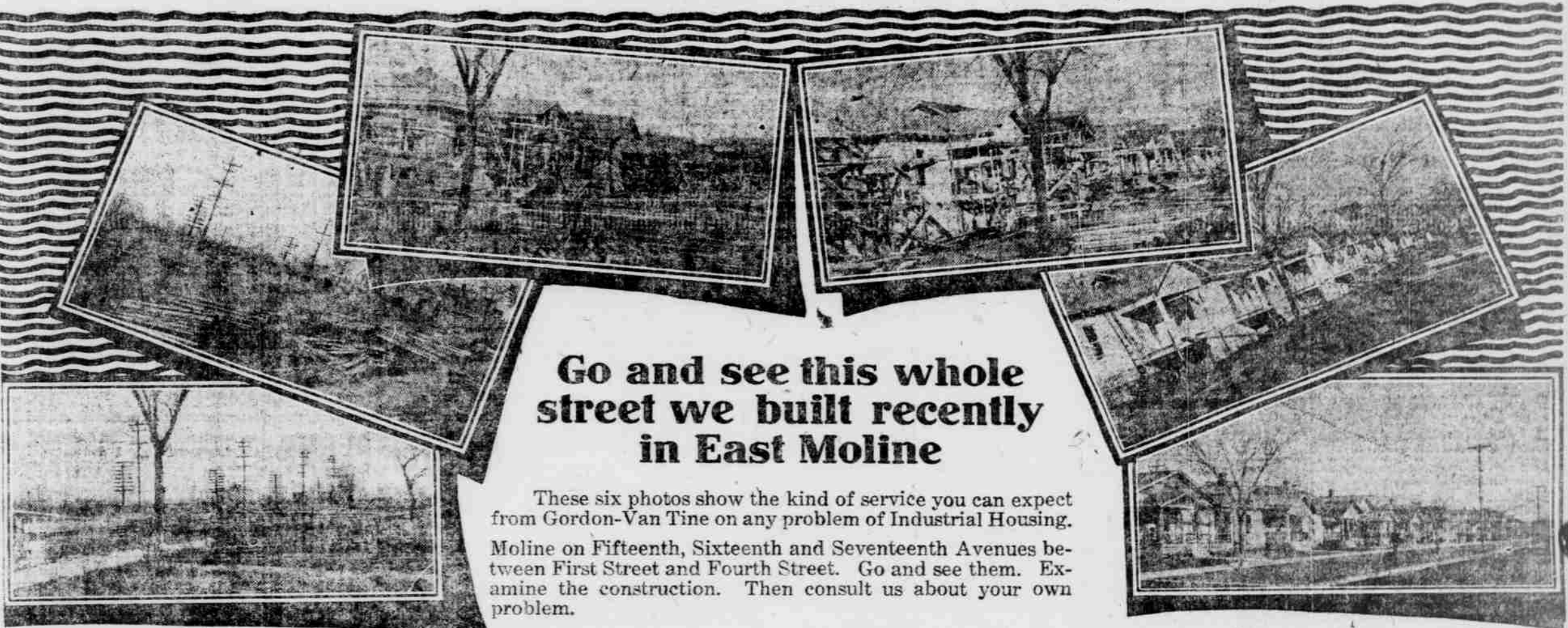
South Rock Island—August F. Schmid, R.

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